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MATERIALS DIVISION MONTHLY REPORT

Petroleum Branch

Report for Month of September 1957

I. ACCOMPLISHMENTSA. Research

Completed Projects:

1. M/P contribution to ORR Project 10.1996, Evaluation of Soviet Publication "USSR Industry, A Statistical Compilation."
2. Project 10.1997: M/P revision of OCI USSR Handbook.
3. Project 10.1998: M/P revision of OCI Bulgaria Handbook.
- ✓ 4. Project 42.1812 EIC Petroleum Subcommittee Contribution to NIE 30-2-57 Near East Developments Affecting US Interests.

B. Other Activities

- ✓ 1. The EIC Petroleum Subcommittee held several meetings in order to establish agreed positions on NIE 30-2-57, Near East Developments Affecting US Interests, and on the proposed exchange of petroleum delegations with the USSR.
- ✓ 2. The Petroleum Industry Advisory Panel held their annual meeting with M/P and other CIA personnel. Several questions of current significance were explored, notably Middle East problems and exchange of petroleum delegations with the USSR. This meeting was more than usually productive and fully accomplished its objectives.
3. Contributed normal support to other CIA components and to the petroleum intelligence community.

II. Plans

Planning detailed adjustments in anticipation of consolidation of M/P into a Fuels and Power Branch (M/FP).

III. ADMINISTRATIVE

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| A. Total Personnel on Board 30 September 1957. | 15* |
| B. Authorized T/O | 15 |
| C. Distribution of Personnel | |

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| Professional | 13** |
| Clerical | 2 |

* Includes IAC representative (Army) not counted in T/O
 ** Includes Intelligence Assistant

IV. PROBLEMS

Impossibility of meeting due date on NIS Project ^{20.1514}~~20-1768~~ because necessary contribution thereto from M/S unavoidably delayed.

V. RECOMMENDATIONS

None

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VI. OTHER

None